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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

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RE: Assembly Bill 3 (Miller): Vehicle Registration: Confidential Home Address

Background

Assembly Bill 3 (Miller) would require that a person who requests that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) keep their home address confidential provide the DMV with a current employment address for the purpose of collecting traffic, parking or toll road violations. The bill would also require that a person who has requested confidentiality notify the department of any change in their employment address within 10 days. Finally, the bill provides that DMV shall refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle registered to a person who has failed to pay a traffic citation or a parking ticket and has received a delinquent notice if the processing agency has filed or electronically transmitted the notice to the DMV.

Recommendation: Support and Seek Amendment

Discussion

The DMV's confidential address program began about 30 years ago with the goal of protecting the privacy of law enforcement officers in their homes. Over the years, the program has been broadened to include employees, and their family members, who work for or are affiliated with 1,800 different state and local agencies. According to Assembly Member Miller's office, there are now more than one million government workers and family members enrolled in the program.

One of the unintended consequences of this protection is that toll road operators and law enforcement officers are unable to mail notices of toll road violations or other traffic or parking violations to the vehicle owner's address and therefore are unable to collect past due fines and tolls.

This bill is identical to AB 2097 (Miller), which was introduced last year, passed the Assembly by a vote of 76-0, passed by the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee by a vote of 9-0, but died in the Senate Appropriations committee due to concerns about the fiscal impact on the DMV. No doubt, this will be a concern again this year, but one that could potentially be mitigated by the estimated \$10 million in annual net savings to DMV that would result from converting its registration system for new vehicles to all-electronic (as proposed by our BATA-sponsored legislation to address vehicles without license plates).

The bill contains one omission that we would like to see added. Specifically, it does not include toll violations in the list of unpaid violations for which the DMV would not renew a vehicle registration. Statute already authorizes BATA to request DMV to place a hold on a toll violator's registration, so the amendment would be consistent with current law.

Because this bill closes an obvious loophole in current law with respect to the Bay Area Toll Authority's ability to collect and enforce bridge tolls, we urge a support and seek amendment position on AB 3 (Miller).

Known Positions

Support

Orange County Transportation Authority

Oppose

None



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